

Tragically, Keith's brain tumor was diagnosed two days after he married Suzan in 2009.

In addition to Suzan, Keith is survived by two daughters, Dina and Rachel; his parents, Esther and Monroe; brothers, Craig and David; and a sister, Marla

Mr. Speaker, I know my colleagues will join my wife, Janice, and me in offering our condolences to the Richman family, and in remembering a remarkable man whose life of service will live on in all those whose lives he touched.

HONORING REVEREND EVAN AND  
CARRIE JOHNSON HICKS

HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, August 10, 2010*

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I submit the following:

Whereas, the union of Rev. Evan and Carrie Johnson Hicks in Allendale, South Carolina has blessed us with descendants that have helped to shape our nation; and

Whereas, the Hicks union produced six (6) well respected citizens—four girls and two boys, Eula, Lillie, Josie, Laura, Sammie and Haley—and from these pillars of strength, twenty children were born to make their mark across America; and

Whereas, in our beloved Fourth Congressional District of Georgia, we are honored to have many members of the Hicks family, including Ms. Robin C. Pace, one of our most beloved citizens in our District who resides in Lithonia, Georgia; and

Whereas, family is one of the most honored and cherished institutions in the world, we take pride in knowing that families such as the Hicks family have set aside this time to fellowship with each other, honor one another and to pass along history to each other by meeting at this year's family reunion in DeKalb County, Georgia; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this day to honor and recognize the Hicks family in our District;

Now therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, Jr., do hereby proclaim Saturday, July 24, 2010 as Hicks Family Reunion Day in the 4th Congressional District.

Proclaimed, this 24th day of July, 2010.

CONSOLIDATED LAND, ENERGY,  
AND AQUATIC RESOURCES

SPEECH OF

HON. RICK LARSEN

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, July 30, 2010*

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 3534) to provide greater efficiencies, transparency, returns, and accountability in the administration of Federal mineral and energy resources by consolidating administration of various Federal energy minerals management and leasing programs into one entity to be known as the Office of Federal Energy and Minerals

Leasing of the Department of the Interior, and for other purposes:

Mr. LARSEN of Washington. Mr. Chair, I rise today to speak in support of H.R. 3534, the Consolidated Land, Energy, and Aquatic Resources (CLEAR) Act.

The *Deepwater Horizon* oil spill is the worst environmental catastrophe that our nation has ever faced. Unfortunately, this human and environmental catastrophe revealed many shortcomings in our current oil spill pollution and response laws.

Today's vote on the CLEAR Act is an important step towards strengthening our nation's oil spill response and prevention laws. The CLEAR Act contains three critical provisions for which I have advocated.

First, this legislation ensures that oil companies will be responsible for 100% of the cost of cleaning up their mess, and every penny of the damages they cause to Americans. The current liability cap of \$75 million has proven to be grossly inadequate to cover the damage caused by a major offshore oil spill.

Second, immediately following the spill, President Obama and Secretary Salazar took immediate steps to reform the troubled Minerals Management Service (MMS). This legislation codifies those changes to prevent conflicts of interest.

Third, the bill puts in place safety regulations to reduce the risk of catastrophic spills. It requires new regulations on well designs, including blowout preventers, and requires a third party to certify safety plans.

I have concerns, however, regarding the bill's "Requirement of Certification for Responsible Stewardship," which makes the issuance of new Outer Continental Shelf leases contingent on a company avoiding citations from the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). I strongly support efforts to protect worker safety in our nation's oil and gas industry and have cosponsored the Protect America's Workers Act to give OSHA the tools it needs to enforce rigorous worker safety laws. I believe that strengthening OSHA and EPA authorities is a more effective way to improve worker safety than threatening oil companies with the loss of revenue from OCS drilling, and I am committed to working with my colleagues in the House to strengthen worker safety in the oil and gas industry.

As a representative from the Puget Sound, I understand how devastating an oil spill would be to a coastal region. I want to do everything possible to prevent an oil spill from occurring in Puget Sound and other areas of the country.

I am committed to continuing to investigate the impacts of this massive environmental disaster and examining the best ways to ensure any future offshore drilling will live up to oil companies' claims of safety and reliability.

IN HONOR OF CAROL HARTUNIAN  
GIRVETZ

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, August 10, 2010*

Mr. FARR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Carol Hartunian Girvetz of Santa Cruz, California. Carol Hartunian

Girvetz passed away on July 4th, 2010. Carol will be remembered always as a loving mother, loyal wife, and dedicated citizen committed to her community.

Carol Hartunian Girvetz was born in Hollywood in 1946 to Armenian immigrant parents. She spent her early years as a young adult studying Art and English at UC Santa Barbara. After college, she began her career as a teacher and quickly changed paths upon taking a job with Pan American as a flight attendant. During this time, she worked on many R&R flights tending to soldiers from the Vietnam War as they traveled to meet their loved ones back at home, and then returning them back to the battlefield.

After her days of traveling with Pan American, Carol returned to California to begin her new life as a wife and mother. Carol and her first husband Jon raised their two children, Evan and Shyla in the small town of Freedom in Santa Cruz County. Her connection with the community was immediate as she became enmeshed in the community's needs. She served on the Women's Commission and along with several women, started the first shelter for female victims of domestic violence. This achievement would be the first of many in her thirty years of service to Santa Cruz County. Carol most recently retired from the position of Assistant County Administrative Officer, where I had worked with her for years. During this time, Carol built a close and loving relationship with her second husband George Newell. Carol was known by her colleagues for her strong work ethic, great sense of humor, and devotion to public service. She was an extraordinary person and public employee who will always be remembered and missed by her colleagues.

In addition to her work in public service, Carol was also heavily involved in local fine arts in Santa Cruz. She played a large role in the development of the McPherson Center for Art and History. She also served as a board member for such organizations as United Way of Santa Cruz County and Santa Cruz Museum of Art and History, among others. Her hard work has given the community and future generations the opportunity to be immersed in fine arts. Her life is a testament to how the commitment of public service can leave a lasting impact on a community.

Madam Speaker, I ask members of the House to join me in honoring the life of Carol Hartunian Girvetz, and extend our nation's deepest gratitude to her thirty years of service to her community. Carol is survived by her husband, George Newell, son Evan Girvetz, daughter Shyla Girvetz and their father Jon Girvetz. Carol lived sixty-four years of life filled with the love of her family, passion for public service and the arts, and will be greatly missed.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOHN A. BOCCIERI

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, August 10, 2010*

Mr. BOCCIERI. Madam Speaker, I was not present for the following roll call votes. Had I been present, I would have voted as follows:

On rollcall No. 454, on H. Con. Res. 292, Supporting the goals and ideals of National